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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NAMES A NEW LIBRARIAN. Alice McClain has been appointed Director of Libraries to succeed Lesley Heathcote who is retiring. Miss McClain has been Associate Librarian at M.S.U. for the past several years. Friends from all parts of the state gathered in Bozeman on December 3rd to honor Lesley at a retirement dinner. She plans to reside in Mercer Island after the first of the year. All good wishes go to Lesley from her many library colleagues.

JAMES MARVIN, LIBRARIAN, TOPEKA, KANSAS Public Library is serving as consultant for the Helena Public Library for their building program. Mr. Marvin is well known to Montana for his excellent study on library cooperation in Missoula County which he published last year. The Helena Public Library received a grant from HUD to plan a new facility.

THE BILLINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY is extending service to Big Horn and Carbon Counties for a two year demonstration period. Walk-in service at the Billings Library is now available. The bookmobile will be in operation in March, 1970. Financial support for service to Yellowstone County has not yet had approval from the County Commissioners, but this measure will be voted upon in the spring.

DAVID HOFFMAN, DEPUTY STATE LIBRARIAN will represent the State Library at a regional meeting of PNLA state librarians in Olympia on December 15th. The purpose of the meeting is to study the recommendations of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center survey which has been most ably undertaken by Mrs. Lura Currier.

LIBRARIANS IN HELENA have organized a local association to promote better service through cooperative efforts. Two meetings have been held and Martha Hassell, Librarian, Fort Harrison Veterans Administration Hospital, has been elected President. Mrs. Judy Hester, Montana State Library, was elected Secretary.

LFTITIA JOHNSON, President of the Montana Library Association, has initiated a President's Newsletter, sent to all members of the Association. We congratulate Tish on her fine publication and we will look with interest to future issues.

HARRILT MELOY has been appointed Acting Librarian at the Historical Society Library succeeding Mary Dempsey who retired in July, 1969. Other new staff members are: Harold Chambers, Cataloger and John Coleman, Archivist Intern.

OTHER CHANGES ON THE LIBRARY SCENE throughout the state: Elizabeth Pittman has retired as Librarian of the Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown. She has been succeeded by Norma Isern. Another retirement is that of Helen Donovan, Dillon Public Library. The new librarian in Dillon is Alyce Bull. Kathy Makich has resigned as head of the Glasgow City-County Library. Her replacement is Dave Johnson. Kay Courtneage, who resigned from the Chouteau County Library to attend library school, has been replaced by Lorena Towner. Florence Thomas retired from the Thompson-Hickman County Library in Virginia City. The new librarian there is Lois Yenny. Dorothy Hunter has succeeded Elizabeth Schafer as Librarian at the Whitefish Public Library.

Vivian Nordwick is the new Librarian at the Poplar City Library replacing Kate Hanson, who has retired.

AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LIBRARY: Volume II and III of Montana Its story and biography edited by Tom Stout.

GOOD NEWS - The second edition of Book Bait by Elinor Walker has been published by the American Library Association. The volume furnishes detailed notes on adult books popular with young people and may be ordered from ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The cost is \$2.00. Also of interest is Recommended practice for the protection of library collections from fire. Order from the National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Price - 75¢

MONTANIANA: American Odyssey by Henry Eide. Rand McNally. \$14.95. The author, who is a Missoula photographer, has beautifully photographed the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition. New interpretations by Dale Burk. Western Life Publications, Inc. (Order from the author, 103-B Sisson Street, Missoula, Montana 59801.) Hardbound edition - \$35.00; softcover edition - \$5.95. Twenty-two profiles of contemporary Montana artists with photographs. The shorn lamb by Hughie Call. Houghton. \$4.95. A tale of a young widow's struggle to carry on her husband's sheep ranch in Montana. Splendid was the trail by Kenneth D. Swan. Mountain Press, Missoula. \$10.50. The adventures and assignments of the author, who was a forester and photographer for 27 years, in the Northern Rocky Mountain area. Many of his photographs are included. Chronicles of the Yellowstone by Eugene S. Topping. Ross and Haines. \$8.75. An autobiographical account of life in the Yellowstone region and a summary of the history of the area from earliest times to 1888. Way out west reminiscences and tales by Harold G. Merriam. University of Oklahoma Press. \$5.95. A collection of stories of men and women told in their own way - diaries, original accounts, handed down tales of cowboys, Indians, trappers, miners, ranchers and others - selected from Frontier, a regional magazine published in Montana from 1920 to 1939.

ATTENTION SERIALS LIBRARIANS: This is the first issue of the Newsletter published since Volume 4, Number 5. We hope to schedule publication on a monthly basis from now on.